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E.O. 12065: GDS 3/5/86 (CLARK, WILLIAM) OR-P
TAGS: PINT, KS
SUBJECT: LEADER OF SPLINTER DUP OFFERS TO FORM
- "PAN-OPPOSITION" PARTY WHICH WOULD
- SUPPORT KIM TAE-CHUNG FOR PRESIDENT

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2. THE INCIPIENT SPLIT IN THE OPPOSITION FORCES ESCALATED MARCH 4 WHEN YANG IL-TONG, PRESIDENT OF THE SPLINTER DEMOCRATIC UNIFICATION PARTY (DUP) DECLARED HIS PERSONAL SUPPORT FOR KIM TAE-CHUNG AS THE OPPOSITION'S PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. YANG ALSO SAID THAT HE WAS WILLING TO SEE THE DUP DISSOLVED, A NEW PARTY OF "PAN-OPPOSITION" FORCES CREATED, AND A CONVENTION HELD TO NOMINATE KIM TAE-CHUNG AS THE NEW PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. ON MARCH 5, YANG GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE SAID THAT KIM TAE-CHUNG SHOULD NOT JOIN THE NDP, AT LEAST FOR NOW. AT THE SAME PRESS CONFERENCE, YANG CLAIMED THAT 24 PEOPLE, INCLUDING AN EX-ASSEMBLYMAN,
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HAD JOINED THE DUP.

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3. THE CONTROVERSY OVER KIM TAE-CHUNG'S NEW YORK TIMES INTERVIEW CONTINUES

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KIM TAE-CHUNG'S SPOKESMAN SAID THAT KIM "REGRETTED ANY INAPPROPRIATE WORDS" IN THE INTERVIEW AND THAT HE HAD NOT INTENDED TO CRITICIZE ANY INDIVIDUAL.

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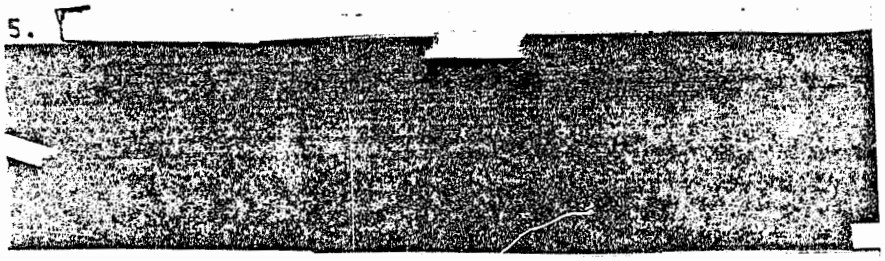

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